

From the President's Desk

Train up a child in a way he should go and when he is old he will not turn away from it. Proverbs 22:6

I would like to thank you personally for the time you have taken to read this magazine. I am honored to write to you. There are lots which I want to tell you but let me tell you about my life and about what I remember as I grew up. I myself when I was a small child, I was not so enthusiastic, with zeal to help myself people around me. But what I can remember is the teaching of my parents that I did not forsake. These teachings have had a great impact in my life and have brought me to where I am today. When I was young my father and mother were farmers, we as children had to go to the paddy field and help our parents. One day my mother asked me to go to the paddy field with my sister to help her, but I refused to go and thought it would be great to go out and play across the field outside our house. As I was playing for a few minutes I thought my mother had forgotten about me and I was so happy. To the shock of my life a hand came from behind me with a handful of sand as I turned around. She had orchestrated a big lesson to teach her son that day with love. Few seconds went by, and those handfuls of sand were forced into my mouth. I cried and screamed but it did not stop her from putting the sand into my mouth. She said "EAT THIS SAND , FOR IF YOU DO NOT WORK, YOU SHALL EAT SAND AND DIRT"

That day was a turning point in my life and I am thankful to her and God for showing me the way of life. I realized that if I wanted to be someone who has a great future , I must work and pay for that life without giving up. My life would never turn out the way God has intended it to be if I had not started investing my time in God and everything that he wanted from me. I learned that laziness was not going to pay the price for the things that I needed in life. I prayed that my future will be beautiful. My hope was made complete in Christ Jesus.. He made me realize through his teachings that there are laws in life that I have to follow. The laws are: a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest so shall your poverty come as a robber, and your want as an armed man. The second is you must pay first and obey then get your requirements and blessing free of charge, if you don't then your wants will come to you like a robber and destroy you.

If we are wise then we shall start investing our time and all that we have for the requirements and blessings that we need not only for our future but for the future of our generation. Psalm 126:5 Those who cry while they plant will joyfully sing while they harvest, the person who goes out weeping, carrying his bag of seed, will come home singing, carrying his bundle of grain.

Gal 6:7-9

Don't be deceived, God is not mocked for whatever man sows, that he will reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the spirit will of the spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose hearts.

LETTER TO YOU

I say lovely are you. Lovely are your words. Lovely are your smiles.... Lovely is your beautiful white gown... and beautiful are you in my eyes... It is Lovely how you bring me tears because I still wait for you as I want you to be with me all your life... beautiful is your heart which I long for... and beautifully you are to me in my heart... my longing for you is always growing and it shall always be. I wonder what you think of me. Everyday I write to you is of my love for you... I sent you flowers of all kinds but still it seems that you don't like them. Everyday I wish for you to be in my arms. Everytime i look at you I would remember the last time you called and the last time when we were together. I want you to know if you come to me then i promise to you that i will always love you and never let you go. I am still thinking of what I want to give you, thinking of my best gifts for you, and I am still planning to write to you tomorrow and day after that also and even more. Oh how I wish that you read this today22.

I have given you all that you need "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and Godliness." (II Peter 1:3 , Yes I have given you everything.

Including my life.
Please call me today
Love Jesus

THE KNOTS PRAYER

— Mary christian

Dear GOD:
Please untie the knots
That are in my mind,
My heart, and my life;
Remove the have nots,
The cannot's, and the don'ts
That I have in my mind.

Erase the will not's,
May not's, and might not
That may find a home in
my heart.

Release me from the
Could nots,
Would nots, and
Shouldn't that obstruct my life?

And most of all,
Dear GOD,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
My heart, and my life all of the am not's

That I have been allowed to hold me back.

In Jesus' name , Amen.

Author known but to CHRIST

THE ROD OF GOD

This is the rod of God which, turned river Nile into Blood, Turned into serpent which was the symbol of royal and divine power on the diadem of every pharaoh, which brought forth water out of the rock, brought the frogs, sent thunder and hail, and the fire that land all the day, and night, and when it was morning in the east wind brought the locusts, "Ex. 10: 12-13, thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days , which divided the sea with strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land, Moses held up the rod and Israel prevailed over Amalek, the rod budded, blossomed and bore almond, etc.. Exodus 5 Moses took the rod of Elohim in his hand wherewith the great signs were to be performed. God used the rod because Moses gave it to God and surrendered to him.

Therefore God also wants to use you and what you have but the question is whether are you ready to give what you have to God with Faith?

1 Peter 5:6-7, therefore humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

WORRY??

Don't let worry pull you down. Remember Jesus before you think that trouble can consume you. He went to cross with a mind made up and drank that cup of suffering, and after he died and rose to life, Jesus said in John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." I yes that same peace is with you therefore you don't have to ask God for peace in your life, you already have it by the grace of God which has empowered you to have his peace. So don't be agitated by the things of this world. Philippians 4-6 never worry about anything. Instead, in every situation let your petition be made known to God through prayers and requests, with thanksgiving..

Temptation

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to those who love him. James 1:13-14 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God

cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man; But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

THEREFORE DON'T TEMPT YOURSELF. When temptation comes you have to master your own mind and make sure that you don't let that evil thought control you but you control that thought through the power of Jesus in you.

Temptation most of the time is brought about by ourselves and our own thoughts. God therefore makes self control a very important issue in the bible and makes it very clear that we have to control our thoughts and planning. Make a good choice not a bad one but do not come to a situation where you can tempt yourself. Fear God.

1. Corinthians 10:13 "Not temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure.

Testimonies

& Prayer request

My name is Sekholu Khusoh m from Christian family who are devoted to the Lord, my father is serving the Lord in the church ministry. Even after knowing all this, I did not know the purpose of my life. Day after day I became more uninterested in the Lord and my life was running dry. All I wanted to do was my will and did so. But in 2017, a missionary came and prayed for me and told me about God's wonderful plan for me, for my future and how much Christ paid to purchase my life. I was so touched by the love of God and decided to line up my life for him. Thus there was a dramatic turn around in my life and my life started improving . All my problems and sorrows were at bay and all that I am today was because I decided that year to change the way of my life. I thank God for all the changes.

My name is Rachel Thapa. I was born in a Hindu family. I did not know what my life was, I had no vision in my life. My life was nothing and there was no happiness and joy. I faced many problems and discouragements but after I trusted Jesus and accepted him in my life as my personal savior, he gave me peace, joy and I believed who Jesus is by the grace of God.

My name is Nebilo Rengma, I am from Sagu Chanre village, Assam. Before I was very disobedient and that led me to sickness. But after I was born again in the year 2003 I left my wrong ways and came back to the Lord. today i am in his ministry. Please pray for me.

I was born in Hindu in search of a true God. one day I became very discouraged and had no peace of mind. So I prayed to my Hindu God but did not find any peace or joy in them. Suddenly one day a christian missionary came to my village and presented me with a bible and taught me about Jesus. After that I was shocked that someone came to earth and died for my sins. Therefore I decided to find out the truth about Jesus that the missionary preached to me. I was wondering who is the true God in this world. I began to read the Bible and day after day I slowly understood the word of God. I began to pray to God and ask him if you are the true God please take away my problems. He answered my prayer. I found peace of mind and great joy. Therefore I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I went and told my family that I believe in Jesus but then they got very angry with me. I had to leave my home. Slowly God taught me how to live my life and dealt with me in my fears and worries. By the grace of God I was a missionary and through the help of God I served God for 20 years in Nepal. God used me, he helped me and strengthened me in all those years. Right now I am a pastor in Nepal and I would like to request you to please pray for the ministry which Christ has called me to do.

Thank You pastor Moses

First of all I give thanks to our almighty God, because he did a great wonder and miracles in my life. I was involved in many evil practices and even engaged with many bad company and was under the bondage of devil many years, but, by the grace of God i changed all my wrong ways as God started to deal with me and right now he changed many areas of my life and after going through all of this i was born again as a christian in the year 2010. That day God touched my life and it was a turning point for me.

S. Basan Khamniungan

My name is Pobitara Urang and I was born in Hindu background. I was born in a place called Digali Holla, Dibrugarh Assam. One day an evangelist came to our village to pray for the sick people of our village.

I was there while he was praying and after the prayer sick people were healed and I believe that God was really working and healing the people. Therefore I decided to become a christian. But my family is still leading a Hindu life.

I made the decision to take baptism 7 days after that day where I witnessed the great power of the God which that missionary claimed. I believed in Jesus therefore I took baptism. I was baptized from Lukumari CRC on 17-06-2010 and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I am studying in a Theological college and spending my holidays at home. I am feeling very happy that God has touched my life. After this training of 40 days I have learnt more and more about Jesus Christ. Please pray for me. Thank you.

My name is Albert Pariyar. I live in Darjeeling and I am from a Hindu background. Many years ago when I was trying to complete my studies I was saddened because my family could not provide me money for my studies. I was stressed out and I did not have any hope for my future. In all my frustations and worries one day I was given the golden opportunity to accept Jesus as my personal savior. I became a born again as a christian in the year 2008. After I took water baptism various changes came into my life and I decided to go for bible studies as I wanted to know more about the word of God in my life so I went to college at Siliguri (Missionary Bible College) . Now I am serving as an Assistant pastor in the local Grace Church. Please pray that God will touch many people's lives.

My name is Roshan and I am from a Hindu background. I am from Darjeeling.

Before i became a christian, i did not know who Jesus was , but one day as i was alone i heard Jesus calling my name and calling me to follow him, at that time my life was not in the position that i imagined my life to be, i was not influencing many people near me and i thought why i am wasting my time doing nothing fruitful. But as I took the chance of accepting Jesus my life turned around and I came to know bit and bit about the love of JESUS FOR ME.

Now I am really happy to come to the 40 days leader training. Please pray for me that I learn more about Jesus and his love.

Let me share my personal testimony. My name is EK Bahadur Shai. I am from Kavry Kotunjy Besse, Nepal. I was born and brought up in a Hindu family. Before I became a christian i used all kinds of unwanted things which were not accepted on the side of God, but one day the Gospel of Jesus came to me in the year 1996 and after that I took water baptism. The first miracle in my life was that God healed me of my constant head pain. I used to fall down in my ways before God, but now I am free because of Jesus. Right now I am a pastor in my local church.

My name is Yanthacew. I am from Myanmar and I belong to Nipi Baptist Church. I was born and brought up in a christian family and I am from a house where God fearing

parents are present. I have been told by the love of God since I was a child. I was very attentive in Sunday school, but as I grew up I slowly went far away from the love of God. I tried to enjoy my life with the pleasure of this world but by the grace of God, during a time the gospel of the love of Jesus came to me and I realized that I was very far away from God. I turned to God and asked for forgiveness. I confessed my sins. God gave me peace and joy in my heart. I was born again in the year 1998. I took a water baptism in 2005. After that I served the lord for one year in my church as a Sunday school teacher. The Lord had opened another way for me to go to Theological studies. Now I am doing my B.Th final year, and if it is God's will I will go for M.Div. The aim in my life is to become an effective pastor and I want to start a prayer center in my village. Please pray for me and my future ministry. Thank you.

My name is Likhomba Zeliang. I am from christian family. I lived in Sethemie Basa village, Dimapur, Nagaland. I am married and I have a daughter. In the year 2009 I took water baptism at "Faith in Action Healing Prayer Center " by Rev. Achamo Patton.

Before being born again I was living in a very bad condition. I never went to church. I did many evil and unwanted things which brought poison in my life. But after I took baptism and was born again there was a big change in my life. Before I didn't even know how to pray and even sing songs of praises. And God has blessed me in many other ways. Please pray for my family. Thank you.

My name is Sukhman Rengma. I come from Kacharigaon Phevima village, Dimapur, Nagaland. I belong to "Hindi Nagamese christian Revival church", Industrial colony Dimapur, Nagaland. I was born in a Hindu family, when I was a Hindu I used all kinds of unwanted things which are not accepted in the sight of God. but after the Gospel of Jesus came to me in the year 2007, I changed all my ways, accepted Jesus in my life and believed in him. He changed my life and gave me peace in my heart. I took water baptism on the 1 March 2008. Now I am serving as a youth chairman in our local church.

My name is Joe's Toron . I am from Assam. I was born in the year 1987 and was brought up from a christian family. I took water baptism in 2003, after a few days I disobeyed God and I did many wrong things. One day my chest started to hurt severely. I thought there was no hope for my life. I thought I would die. I prayed to God and asked him with all my heart, "If you heal me, I will work for you and for your glory". And very soon, he answered my prayer and healed me, not only for my personal sickness but also for my spiritual sickness.

In the year 2005, I served as the youth president of my church. Now my ambition is to become an evangelist. So, I would like to request you to please pray for me.

My name is Prem Krishna Mahorjan. I am from Kathmandu, Nepal. I was born in a Hindu family. I was living my life and was having a lifestyle of sinners. This lifestyle did little to bring me the hope that I have in Christ today. One day, a person came to me and gave me a bible verse from Matthew 2:28-29 “come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your soul” it touched my heart so deeply. After a lot of thinking and reasoning I believed Jesus and took baptism and began to live a life which is now full of hope and purpose and now I am serving as a pastor in my church. I will serve God all my life. Please pray that people get touched by the word of God in their life.

My name is Kelly Iralu, I am 23 years old and I belong to the Angami (Naga) community. I was born and brought up in a Christian family but I always doubted the existence of God.

When I was young, I was a regular Sunday school goer and also attended a couple of gospel camps. But all of that did not really help me change much. During my school days I was pictured as a problem child by most teachers. And at home I was very arrogant and rebellious. The relationship with my family at home was literally going down the pit. Eventually my behavior came up to a point where people did not know how to handle me anymore. I wanted to be accepted, feel secure and be loved but I was looking for it in all the wrong places.

It was back in the year 2005 at a Youth Camp that I came to know the Lord much better and I remembered the Lord again, and accepted Him as my Lord and savior.

For you created my inner being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (Ps:139:14) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful and my soul knows that very well.

Even after that I backslid many times. I disappointed God over and over again, but in spite of all my shortcomings, my failure and my countless sins, I am very fortunate enough to be still here and be given a chance again. I was lucky to get hold of a book

called Purpose Driven life written by Rick Warren. It was because of this book that my life turned around. I carried so much bitterness, anger and resentment towards my family for so long, that I failed to see God's love for me. I now realized that it was God who actually chose me and that I am here for a mission, to fulfill the purpose for which God has called me for. I'm not perfect but I know that my failures, and my weaknesses will always be my greatest strengths and I'm moving on because of God's love and the hope I found in him alone.

My name is George John and I'm from (UP) Allahabad and I am from christian background. My mother got a kidney problem a few years ago. I even took her to the doctor but nothing could be done for her. So I started praying to God and I asked to heal my mother's sickness. I promised God that if he heals her then I would give my whole life for his ministry. Soon after a few days my mother got healed from her sickness and I have decided to serve God my whole life. I believe in God's healing power. Please pray for me. Thank you.

I am Rebeka Limbu, I am sharing my testimony. When I was Hindu I did not know what my life was. When I was a Hindu there was no happiness and I always faced problems. Everyday i was discouraged, when i came to know Jesus Christ, happiness came in my life and i know the real Jesus Christ. By the glory of God I came here for 40 (fourty) days training.

My name is Ranjit Sunar and i am from Nepali tribe and i am studying at 4th mile, dimapur and i am from christian background but i did not believe God as my personal savior.

I was roaming with my friends eating and drinking bad things. One day my father and mother told me to baptized because i had to help me in their ministry, but i told them that i'll not take and i'll do whatever i like but one day a pastor came to my house and shared the word of God but i did not recognize the word of God and from that day onwards very night the pastor came in my dream and i dreamed that Jesus was calling me "come my son, come with me" and on sunday morning my mother cried and told me my son take baptism and i remembered what my pastor had told me and my family was right and from that dream i came to know that the dream was for me and i believed in Jesus Christ as a personal savior. I took baptism in April 2011. My dear friends, please pray for me and for my life to serve God for my whole life.

Thank You, that was my testimony on how I took baptism.

My name is Jospina Topoh. I was born and brought up from a good christian family, but i did not accept christ from my childhood. I was just a namesake christian. I used to

disobey my parents and God. On 26 April 2019 I took baptism and God gave me a bible verse Matthew 16:24-26 in my vision and I decided to take my cross for christ. So from that day onwards I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior and now by the grace of God I am studying C.T.H 2nd year Diploma in Mokokchung Bible College, Nagaland. So please pray for me and my family members in your personal prayer.

I am Mary Swe, I come from Myanmar and I am from the Chin tribe. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior when I was in class 6 (Six). I received a water baptism by Rev. Kui Dim on 27 April 2000. One day I heard God's voice calling for his ministry from my sickness. So I made a decision to serve the lord. I am glad to be part of his leadership training. Through this training I received great blessings, it has opened my eyes for the purpose of God in my life. I am suffering from kidney problems but through prayers my health is improving. Now I want God to show me the path which I have to follow so that God can use me to bring the hearts of many people to God again. Thank you.

My name is Svisana. I am from Darjeeling. I am from the Nepal tribe. I was born in a Hindu family. I hated the christian who were close to me. I had one friend in my school. I didn't know that he was a christian, and one day he gave me a bible. I was so angry with him and I asked him, "why did you give me a bible? I am not a christian and i don't need a bible" and after that i hated him alot because he was a christian. One day I became very sick and I went for a checkup. The doctor could not find any sickness in my body. I was worried and so afraid. Days went by but I did not find the answer why I was so sick, and one day I heard of a Gospel meeting in my area. I went to the Gospel meeting and I requested them to pray for me. As they prayed for me I was touched by the love of God and I was healed. I was so happy that God touched me even when I was a Hindu, even when I was in a life of hatred for those who were christians. From that day I believe Jesus Christ as my personal savior. And confessed my sins and asked for forgiveness. I said, "Lord please forgive me, for I am a sinner and I come to you Jesus' 'From that day onwards I got a peace of mind and I dedicated my life to God. I changed the way of my living and thinking, and God started to use me in small ways. I was given the opportunity to teach children and help some people achieve their goals in learning. I taught in a school for 6 years. My aim in life is to become a missionary. Thank you.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Sir, we were so blessed by the Ten Ministry. Our School was started by your encouragement and help financially and morally and spiritually. Thank you and praise God for that. Our School was started during the year 2006 with 23 students along with 2 teacher from Nagaland, now we have 65 students with # teacher from Nagaland. Our church plot was donated by M.B Debougles (ex. Chairman of social welfare, sikkim). We also praise God for that. We thank him so much. Now we are Constructing 29 feet x 30 feet building for a church. In order to complete the construction we need at least 1lac. We expect our church members to grow more in numbers when we finish the construction of the church. We are also thankful to NCRC Mission Dept. and HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS for their support in prayer. May God bless you all for Your Good deeds for the people of sikkim.

Pastor Depender. Gajmar
Pasakha, East Sikkim

What will be the sign of your coming (matthew 24:3)

This question was asked to Jesus by his Disciples. Then Jesus Said to them "take heed that no one deceives you". He said that as a warning to his Disciples. He answered their Question through the following point:

1. For many will come in name saying, i am Christ, and will deceive many.
2. You will hear wars and rumors of Wars.
3. Nation will Rise against Nation and kingdom Against Kingdom
4. There will be famines.
5. There will be pestilences.
6. And earthquakes in various places are the beginning of sorrows.
7. Then they will deliver you up and kill you.
8. You will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.
9. Many will be offended
10. Many will betray one another
11. Many false prophets will rise and deceive many.
12. Lawlessness will abound
13. The love of many will grow cold
14. Many will hate one another
15. And this gospel of kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (mat:4-14)

These above mentioned points were given by Jesus himself to his disciples when they asked about the signs of his coming and the end time. Now you can see and Judge by yourself. How many points have been Fulfilled already and how many points are being

fulfilled right now. You may or may not be aware of it. But you know very well that there is time for everything. Time to be born and time to die. Time for starting and time for endings you know very well that you cannot escape death. Built one day or the other you are gonna die and end your life in this world. But what about your soul? Is it ready to go to heaven and meet Jesus Christ? He promised that he will be coming back for those who believe in him. So when you believe that. Whatever sins you might have committed in the past can be forgiven. Do you agree? Are you happy about that? If you believe that even right now you can call his name, confess your sins, believe him and declare Jesus as your lord and savior, then you will be saved and be ready for his return.

ACTING AS IT WERE TRUE

By Robert sekhose

There are many definitions of faith. And one definition is "Faith is acting as if it were True" if we really have faith then our Attitude and outlook towards our problem would change, we would start looking at them in a different light now since we have faith. If you had faith you would consider it done. The problem is solved. So you would act differently now. It is not about the evidence presented before you but the word of God that counts. You have to believe it and act as if it were true now it becomes true because it was true. Your acting does not make it real but you act because it's real. More than two thousand years ago, Christ purchased your salvation and you have to appropriate everything that Christ won for you. You have freedom, peace, joy, health, Success and life. Your needs are met and you are abundantly blessed. Don't look at your circumstances. By faith you have to thank God because he has promised to supply all your needs. Giving Thanks is one way we act as if it were true. If you don't have peace, thank God that he has given it to you in Christ. Do the same for everything else that you need because God Cares for you and he wants you to have faith because without faith no one can please God. and everything that is not of faith is sin. Faith does not look at the circumstances but at the savior who has changed the circumstances in the invisible world. Your faith will make it real in this world. Faith is not expectancy but assurance that the things promised have come to be true so you act as if it were already true. You are not expecting it to happen in the near future. It has already happened, so when it really happens, you are not surprised but it is all very natural. The blessings of God come very naturally to you because you already believed them to be true before they were really true in the natural realm. If the bank gave you a check for a thousand dollars, you would consider yourself to be a thousand dollar rich, even though you do not have the money with you. It can be considered as if you already had the green notes because you can encash the check from the bank. It's the same with God's fact. They are what Christ has already won for you. You only need to encash them with faith. So, once you

know what is yours, you act as if it were already yours even though it may take some time to be really yours. This is acting as if it were true.

THE KEY TO VICTORY OVER SIN

It was for the salvation of men from sin that Christ came. When he was to be born, the angel of the Lord declared that the child would save his people from their sins. From time immemorial men had struggled with sin. Laws and edicts were passed but they could not change the heart of men the Apostle Paul later declared, "All have sin and fallen short of the glory of God." There were no men who could claim that he was free from sin. Sin had entrapped everybody and we all needed a saviour. The Bible declares that at the fullness of time the son of God appeared to save humanity from its sins. But why is it that after we do everything that we know that we still fall short of victory. The sins which beset us are many and salvation becomes a word without much meaning except as applied for the time when we will be in heaven. We become hypocrites in this world for we see that we profess something but practice another. We become whitewashed tombs like the pharisees of old whom Jesus vehemently condemned. We are like the fig tree that Jesus cursed which appeared to have fruit from afar but when he got near it was a dry tree. People like us when they first get to know us but when they draw near they see the dirt and filth in us. We forget that God is not looking at how many souls have been saved by your life but whether the life that he has given you is being lived as he desires and wants. It is not your works that he desires but your heart. He wants to know whether your heart is right before him or not. You cannot cover the dirt in your heart by the various missions you run or the charities you do. He came to set us free from sin and give us salvation and it was not just so that you and I could have fun in church. We have to take it seriously. There is too much sin in the church and we cannot just say that we are all imperfect. Of course we are imperfect but the imperfections should disappear as we progress in our Christian walks. Being imperfect is no excuse for sin in your life. You cannot resign yourself to it. On the other hand there are genuine people longing for deliverance from the things that as the Apostle Paul said 'trip us and show us down'. To these people the key to victory would be like a life saver.

The Bible says "By grace you are saved and not of works." Deliverance from sin is by grace. It means that it is not from you. You are not saved from your sins by what you do but by what God does. So what is the first thing that you need to realize? You need to realize that you should stop trying to help God save you from your sins. Our pride makes us think that we need to exert some effort in the matter of our deliverance. But God wants no help from you. That requires faith. Jesus surrendered his life to death because he believed that God was able to raise him up. So, he laid in the grave for three days until he rose up victorious. It takes faith to surrender. We are so used to doing things

ourselves that we cannot resign ourselves for God to do everything. You have to give up trying and start trusting. But then again we tend to make trust or faith a matter of work. One thing you have to realize is that salvation is not a struggle. Anything that comes with self effort is not a God. surrender is saying, "I am not able. I cannot do it. I give up". And faith is saying, "God, you can do it and you have done it in Christ 2000 years ago when Christ died on the cross for me. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. It is no longer i who live but Christ who live in me." Believe that when you give up God will take over from you and he will do a much better job than what you have been doing. Faith sees the victory that has been achieved by Christ and ignores the facts that are presented before you. But it does not struggle in the course of doing so. If you cannot surrender, take the matter of God. If you cannot have faith, then take the matter to him. It is a relationship we are in and he will give you the strength to surrender and to believe. Trust me, he will do it.

BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

By Robert Sekhose

As a christian we are not to be fearful of anything. Everything has to vanish before faith in God. Shall tribulation or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword separate us from the love of God. np, in all these things we are more than conquerors through christ. We must not be afraid to face and endure anything for christ. We never worry because we know that through everything we are going to come out victorious and as overcomers. All things are subject to christ whether they be principalities or powers. Christ has overcome and we share in his victory. Jesus said to his disciples. "Be of good cheer, i have overcome the world." And the one who overcame the world lives in us. We can believe that God will give us grace to go through anything. Nothing can crush us. Nothing can defeat us as long as we have faith in God. Christ endured the cross experiencing the pain of death because he had entrusted his spirit to his father. He knew that all things were possible with God, even the resurrection from the dead into a glorious future. All things work for the glory of God when we put our trust in him and entrust our lives to him. We should not be fearful and anxious about anything. There are no coincidences in the life of a christian. There is nothing called luck. Everything is ordained by our father. We have to trust him always even through the hard times and rest in the eternal arms of God our father.

NOT TAKING THE GRACE OF GOD LIGHTLY

By Robert Sekhose

Proverbs 16:6 says that be the fear of the lord men depart from evil. After we experience the grace of God and overcome sin in our lives, we are warned not to take the grace of God lightly. Because now we are ones who have tasted the goodness of the lord and experience the resurrection life of our Lord. We are now mature believers in the Lord understanding the goddess of the Lord. if after experiencing all these, we return to a life of sin, then our plight is indeed miserable. Because the Bible says that it would have been better if we had never known the Lord. This is where the fear of the Lord comes from. We have to fear the Lord as fear in the real sense because it is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of living God. by the fear of the Lord, Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife when she tempted him to commit adultery with her. We fear God because we know the goddess and the severity of the Lord. to those who have been given much, much is expected from them. Similarly we have to fear the Lord and depart from evil lest the day comes when we find no place for repentance. The Lord is merciful and gracious but let us not take his grace lightly.

MISERABLE SINNERS WITHOUT CHRIST

By Robert Sekhose

It is a blessed thing to realise how miserable and unworthy sinners we are without christ. Jesus said, "Apart from me you can do nothing." Too many times our problem is a too high estimation of ourselves. We have to be defeated again and again until we come to the realization in our spirit that we are indeed wretched people with no hope in ourselves. Before his deliverance and triumph in christ, the Apostle Paul cried out, "oh, wretched man that i men..." we will keep trying to live the christian life in our own efforts until we realise that we are indeed hopeless cases of humanity. There is no good in us and the good that we want to do, we do not. Rather it is the evil that we do. But the day we realise our hopelessness in the day we can receive our hope in christ. It is the day we realise our inability and our sinfulness that is when we receive our righteousness of christ. That is what surrender is – when you realise you are not able and only christ is able and so you give him total control over your life. Your will is no longer yours. It belongs to another. Your goals, ambition and desires take on new meaning as you see them in the light of God. you are willing to obey him no matter what the cost. You surrender to his every command and you give up all human efforts to do the will of God. you will be happy wherever you are whether as a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord or as a mighty warrior in the kingdom of christ. You die to yourself in order to live for christ. Without such a death and resurrection we are indeed miserable sinners.

HOLDING YOUR GROUND – Warfare in the spirit realm

By Robert Sekhose

The christian life is not a fight to overcome any foe or enemy. It is not a struggle wherein the victory lies in the future. Our fight is to hold the ground that Christ won for us on the cross. The victory has already been won and now our job is to maintain that victory at any cost. So before we start out to wrestle the enemy we have to find out what is the ground that we are supposed to hold. The victory that we have to hold on to is the finished work of Christ on the cross. We have to realize our new identity as christian. We are now saints. We are righteous in christ. We are more than conquerors, because Christ has overcome the world, we also have overcome the world. Sin, disease and sickness are now underneath us. We have to accept these things by faith. It is by accepting these things by faith that we position ourselves to fight the enemy. We should not look at our experiences but rather substantiate the victory of Christ in our life by faith. The experience will change as we keep on applying faith. So realize that you don't need to conquer to become a conqueror. You are already a conqueror and a king and priest in the sight of God because of what Christ accomplished for you. So take up your weapons and fight to hold the ground that Christ has won for you.

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

By Robert Sekhose

The christian life is a life of rest but at the same time it is also a life of fighting. We have to fight a good fight of faith and the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force. But in all these we depend on the spirit to lead us in the battle. We fight and we win because we fight from the standpoint of rest in the victory of christ. We can handle the pressures and the trials of life because in the inner man God supplies us the strength. There is a strength that is not natural to the people of the world because we are resting in christ. They think that they can break us but God steps into the situation when we are thrown into the fire. The greater the battle the closer God becomes to us. In the midst of our darkness moments we can rest assure that God is there waiting to reveal his glory in us. Nothing can shake us because we do not fight with human strength. We fight our battle with faith knowing that the victory is ours for we cannot fail when God is with us. The most common mistake that christian make is that they think they have to fight the battle with their own resources and strength. But the moment we look at ourselves we will fail. We have to fight the battle with not only faith but also patience. We have to rest in faith and wait for the spirit of God to move us. Through practice we will come to the place where we make fewer mistakes and hit the mark more often. With each victory our confidence in the leading spirit will increase and we will start fighting the good fight of faith at higher levels. As you move from resting to

fighting be prepared to suffer hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Recognize the hand of God in allowing every difficulty and trouble in your path to perfect and make you pure as gold. Those people whom you cannot handle have been allowed into your to perfect you. They are there to sharpen your rough edges. Don't move into the flesh and try to handle the situation with your own strength. Search and scriptures, seek the mind of God and apply what you learn in those difficult situations and God will give you wisdom. But as long as you move in the flesh and lash out and take matters into your own hands. You will not accomplish the will of God in your life. We have to fight with the wisdom of God and the leading spirit. We are more than conquerors because even death cannot defeat us. The various hairs of our heads have been numbered so that the enemy cannot touch us unless God permits. And whatever God permits will be for his glory and for the advancement of his church and kingdom so that he may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

THE STRUGGLE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

By Robert Sekhose

The life of a christia is joy and peace and strength from the Lord. but there is another side to it and that is struggle in the spirit. God is progressive God and so, he is always on the move. If we want to move with God we have to be ready to live a life of exploits and overcoming. This brings us to the struggle of the flesh but divinely inspired struggle. We have to be continuously moving in the inner man even though at times it might be at a snail's place. The journey is a lifelong struggle to bring the will of God on this earth. It is a struggle for freedom in the lives of people and for justice, righteousness and the character of God to be displayed in our lives. But in all this struggle there is the power of God which moves us. We are struggling not in our own strength but in the strength of God. It is a struggle to move to newer heights and conquer more ground for the kingdom of God. The struggle is real because the opposition is real. We are wrestling with the powers and darkness, with principalities and powers and rulers of the other world. But each victory brings us closer to the finish line and finally we will be able to say like the Apostle Paul that we have finished the race, we have kept the faith and now there is a crown waiting for us.

LORD, HELP MY UNBELIEF.

By Robert Sekhose

It is true that faith comes by hearing the word of God. but it is also true that we cannot make the “hearing” a “work”. We may listen to CDs and tapes to the extent where we are trying to manufacture faith as a product of our hearing. But God does not want us to live like that because that is not what faith is. Faith is simple trust and beliefs. There is no formula or magic in it. And if we fall short why can't we pray like the man in the Bible who prayed “lord i believe, help thou my unbelief.” if it is so simple that many times we stumble upon the truth. We find it hard to believe that the things of God are so simple that it is easily understood even by a small child. If you find that your faith is lacking, just pray a simple prayer asking God to help your unbelief. And you will be pleasantly surprised that God himself makes your faith complete because does not the Bible say that he himself is the author and the finisher of our faith? Trust him to come through where you fall short even in the matter of your faith.

BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT...

By Robert Sekhose

The Bible says that as many as are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God (Romans 8:14). How can we as christians lives a life where we are constantly led by the spirit of God? The first thing we need to do is to slow down our inner life. If we have tensions and turmoil inside we cannot expect God to lead us because we are being so full of ourselves. The sign of being led by the spirit of God is total peace and assurance in the heart. When we take decisions from a point of rest we can have the faith that God is behind us. God will not be there where there is confusion and lack of harmony and all sort of discord. The Bible says. “Be still and know that i am God” in order to be led by the spirit, we have to be like Mary who sat at God feet of Jesus to listen to him. Martha on the other hand was busy doing the work of the Lord. it seemed the right thing to do to her natural mind but God want us to receive from him first. God's work and any work that we do has to be done by the power of God. if today we are confused about our lives then we need to give up what we are doing and seek the Lord in stillness. At the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus felt trouble in heart due to his impending crucifixion, he fell on his knees three times to talk to his father. After the third time he came out a man at peace knowing the will of God. with calmness he was able to answer his accusers because he was now being led by the spirit of God. one thing that i have learned is that God is usually not in a hurry to do many things that we consider important. God work at a pace that bring skills to the work at hand. There is a time to be fast and there are times when you have to be slow but when we catch the frequency of God it will be done with joy and peace.

SUFFERING IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY

By Robert Sekhose

When we talk about suffering, the words of Paul the Apostle comes to mind where he wrote, “the sufferings of our present time are not worth compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us.” Jesus endured the cross because of the joy that was set before him. There is a reason behind the things we go through and though we may not always understand everything at that moment, the workings of God in our life are made clear as we come out of it. “All things work together for good.” That is what the saints have believed all throughout the centuries. The Apostle called themselves, ‘bond servants of christ.’ They were willing to endure everything for the master’s sake. Their life was no longer theirs. It belongs to another. Christ gave his life and everything for us, we ought to give and endure everything for him. If we see our sufferings in the context of our present earthly life, they may seem to be absolutely unjust and unfair. But in the context of eternity, we know that everything including suffering is for the glory of God and for our highest good. When he was struck and smitten, Job fell on his knees and blessed God. Jesus said, “in the world you will have tribulations but be of good cheer i have overcome the world.” And we know that ‘many are the afflictions of the righteous.’ But in the light of eternity we can rejoice for we have been counted worthy to suffer for his name’s sake.

KARMA VS THE CROSS

By Robert Sekhose

In the Hindu religions and some others where the concept of karma exists, it is believed that for every deed that we do in life whether good or bad we will reap the fruit of it. It is a complete system from which man cannot escape. Our sins ultimately hunt us down and pursue us even in the next life, in a way it is very similar to the christian belief of reaping what we sow. But what separates the christian concept from that of the others is that through the cross we can escape the consequences of sin that loom over us. Jesus paid the price for our sins and when we believe in him our life changes completely. We are no longer in condemnation anymore. The cross feeds us from the circle of karma. That is why the Apostle Paul said “Shall we continue to sin and crucify Christ again?” Through the cross we are not only free from the result of sin but also from the very power of sin so that we no longer need to live in sin anymore. Christianity is wonderful because it goes beyond karma. It not only frees you from karma but also gives you the power to live right. In other words, the salvation that the Hindu and the Buddhist long for is found in Christ because everyone has sinned and we know that. We

long for deliverance and that deliverance is found in the cross where the very son of God died as our substitute taking upon himself the penalty for our sins both past, present and future. We don't need to reap what we sow. We can ask forgiveness from God and believe that Christ took our sins and we can be free.

THE PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING

By Robert Sekhose

Just before his departure, Christ told his troubled disciples, "peace i leave with you, my peace i give to you..." John 14:27. The sign of a man who has come to terms with his God is peace. It is a peace that passes understanding because it is not dependent on circumstances. The rest that the soul finds when it comes to Christ is priceless. In the hustle and bustle of daily life the peace is always there. It is there even during moments of trial for there is an assurance in the heart that all things are going to work out well. This peace brings rest to the soul and the words of Christ are fulfilled where he said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matt 11:28. Life seems to slow down and we are no longer in a hurry to go anywhere.

FAITH

Faith is a state of rest. So many people struggle to have faith but faith does not come that way. We have to rest in God to exercise faith. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat when his disciples woke him up because of the tempest. Faith can sleep in the midst of the disturbance and trouble in our life. It is aware of every problem but it is not disturbed by them. Rather it rests in the awareness of God's presence and his ever very present help.

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"Welcome to my blog where i pen my thoughts especially regarding the Truth about God and Man as i have come to understand and is comprehending day by day. It is an adventure i would like to take along with you, if you will. The foundation of my thoughts start when i was 8 years old and first read the gospel. The crucifixion of Christ was to me and image of the destruction of all that is right and good and true in this world.

Compassion and love of the goddess was crucified. The fact that he rose again never made much of an impression because now he was hidden from the world. The years passed and the time came when I was confronted again with this christ but this time it was different. I saw christ in the fact of his people and i liked it. It was not a dead christ. He was living in them. This started the journey that has taken me till today to understand and comprehend the reality of the person who said that he was the TRUTH. Everything that he said and did is truth and though we now see as in mirror dimly and understand only partly it is nevertheless a journey that will never end. It is the finite reaching for the infinite. The mortal reaching for the immortal. The imperfect grasping for the perfect. It is a journey i hope to share with everyone”.

HOW TO KNOW JESUS

Why

Why am I here? Who am i? What will happen when I die? This question has intrigued people throughout the ages. The answers can be discovered by understanding God’s plan of salvation and by getting to know Jesus Christ.

Who is Jesus? What did he do?

Jeesus Christ, the son of God, came into the world as a human being, lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose from the dead to save humanity from dying in their sins.

Christ died to pay for our sin, your sins can be forgiven. And because he conquered death, you can have eternal life. You can know for sure what will happen to you after you die....

But these gifts of forgiveness and eternal life cannot be yours unless you ask for forgiveness. Believe in the gift of salvation. Pray to confess your sin. Receive Christ in your life.

ASK

In Revelation, Jesus says “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hear my voice and opens the door, i will come in and eat with him.”

What does this mean? Jesus Christ wants to have a personal relationship with you. He is waiting for you to receive him into your heart and life. All you have to do is invite him in. But your first step is to ask for forgiveness:

Repent ... that your sins may be wiped out and times of refreshing may come from the Lord. Acts 3:19

BELIEVE

Once you have asked for forgiveness, your next step is to believe and trust in the gift God is giving you.

Understand that this gift of forgiveness and eternal life is free. It's something you can't earn.

For it by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast – Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace is God's power working through you. It means God is offering you something you could never provide for yourself. You don't have to work for this gift. All you have to do is believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ died for you. Do you believe it?

PRAY

The Bible promises that when you sincerely ask God for forgiveness and trust in Jesus, you will experience a new life in Christ.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

Today, with all your heart, surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Confess your sins. Ask God to forgive you. Say that you will trust in Jesus. And thank him for the gifts of everlasting life. Pray now;

"Father, I know that I have sinned against you. Please forgive me. Wash me clean. I promise to trust in Jesus, your son. I believe that he died for me – he took my sin upon himself when he died on the cross. I believe that he was raised from the dead. I surrender my life to Jesus today.

"Thank you, father, your gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please help me to live for you. In Jesus name, Amen."

There is nothing magical about the words you use. It is the attitude of your heart that God cares about.

RECEIVE

Your final step in becoming a Christian is to receive this free gift of forgiveness and eternal life. The Bible teaches:

Yet to all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12

When you receive into your heart, you become a child of God. you have the privilege of talking to him in prayer. At any time, about anything.

The christian life is a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. And best of all, it is a relationship that will last for all eternity. Joyfully receive it!

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HAPPINESS

Everybody craves to be happy, all the things we do are consciously aimed at creating happiness in our lives. But how many of us have really found happiness, what does the Bible say about happiness? How do we live a life where we have joy, happiness and contentment? Let us see some of the things that the Bible has to say about this matter.

If you want to be happy today, there is one thing you can do about that. The Bible teaches us to be selfless and make people around us happy. Luke 6:31 says, "Whatever you want others to do to you, do so unto them." so, if you want to be happy, create happiness around you. How can we create happiness?

We all know the word love. The love that is from God creates happiness. Love is something when used properly has the power to create immense happiness in your life and of those around you. The greatest commandments that Jesus said are the ones about loving God and loving our neighbor. When we love God wholeheartedly we receive his love and by receiving his love we are able to love our neighbors and also our enemies. When we practice such love, we will find that we do not need to pursue happiness but instead happiness pursues us.

Yes, if we do love one another and then I don't think we will ever be unhappy.

God tells us to do things because it is always for our benefit.

If you obey him and abide in him, he will give you the desires of your heart.

Blessing, joy, peace, protection, favor.

Seek ye first kingdom of the Lord and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Peter 3:12 – For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

BE CLEAN THEREFORE

You are his bride and he waits for you. Focus yourself on becoming his bride and be clean as he expects you to be. He loves you so don't flirt with the world.

You are a wonderful person and he is in you. I pray that you will open up to him because he has given his word which speaks of his unconditional love for you.

Please don't reject his love. Be clean for his love's sake.

YOUR DUTY

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit"

This was the final instruction that Jesus gave for all of us before he left his earth. This is your duty - to make disciples.

God has given us various talents and gifts that will help in building his kingdom. Do not be like that servant who did not use his talent but buried it under the ground. Not all of us can do everything but we all have the capacity to do something. Do what you can do and God will be pleased.

HOW TO RECEIVE MERCY

Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sin will not prosper but whosoever that confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy. God wants you to admit that you missed it in his light. Don't make excuses and don't cover up but admit and ask for forgiveness then you will get mercy, God already knows everything because he is the light. Therefore "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) Receive that free mercy and grace from God. it is free because he died for you with love and compassion. He paid the price for your sins. You don't have to pay with your life anymore for your sins. Justice is already done, because you are justified because of his sacrifice. John 15:7 (NKJV) "{7} If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." (Rom. 5:8) It is impossible for him not to judge sin (Hebrews 10:27) Therefore, in biblical reconciliation, both parties are affected. Through the sacrifice of Christ, people's sin are atoned for God's wrath is appeased. 2 Corinthians 5:19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

THE LOVE OF GOD

How can God's love be explained in a thousand words when it cannot be fully experienced in a thousand lifetimes?

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And where the skies of parchment made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.¹

The Apostle John walked with Jesus for three and a half years. He saw love in action and his life was transformed from a rough and ruthless “son of thunder” to the “Apostle of Love” by this love whom he recognised as the son of God. After all he saw and heard, he could finally conclude. “God is Love”. God loves because he is love.

“This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him.” (John 4:9 NIV)

LOVE YEARNS FOR INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP

How easy it would have been for the father to write off the human race as a failure when it all went wrong. But how could he? Man was now a part of him, alive by his life, created in his image. God has opened the intimate circle of the Godhead to allow his human children to share his love.

Jesus had to come from “the other side”, the word made flesh, to mirror the father and to model the perfect fellowship between father and son. To Philip’s request, “Show us the father,” he replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me is the father.” (John 14:9 NIV)

God created us to receive his love and to love him in return. Outside of that love there is an empty void which no one or nothing can fill. Every other love is either incomplete or counterfeit. Jesus came from heaven to reconcile us to our Abba and take us back to him. So, John could declare, “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the father and with his son, Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3 NIV)

LOVE MAKES IT SAFE TO FAIL.

Of all the parables Jesus told, the story of the prodigal son most poignantly unveils the heart of the father. For a son to demand his inheritance prematurely, meant only one thing. “Dad, I wish you were dead. Give my inheritance now.” How does a father feel when his son says, “I wish you were dead”? The son repudiated his family, his home, his family connections and values and chose to go it alone. And the father let him go.

The father let him go but he did not let him go. He never ceased to be his father. He watched and waited, day after day, longing for his son to return. He yearned for reconciliation, no thought of revenge, only compassion, mercy and hope. He knew that, in the father's house and in the love of family circles, his son would find a safe place in which to be himself again, to become his father's true son.

Love embraced the shame-faced son, felt his guilty pain, hushed his trembling lips, kissed his tear stained cheeks and set the household alight with joyful celebration. "This son of mine was dead and is alive again; was lost and is found." (Luke 15:24 NIV) Love does not demand payment; he embraces and accepts the son he believes in. "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our inequalities." (Psalms 103:10 NIV)

Like the returning prodigal, we are accepted, embraced and reinstated as beloved children, forgiven and clean, as though we had never left the father's house. "How great is the love the father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (John 3:1 NIV)

LOVE PAID FOR OUR FAILURE

"This is love: not that we love God but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (John 4:10 NIV)

Who can comprehend the love of the father for the son and the love for the son for the father? In that simple statement, "He loved us and sent his son..." the greatest love is revealed. God's love for us compelled him to send his son, and the son's love for the father compelled him to be sent.

"Although he was a son, he learnt obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obeyed him." (Hebrews 5:8 NIV)

He was the darling of heaven, worshiped and adored by the angels, loved by the father and the Holy Spirit, yet he willingly came to our planet to live a lonely life. He was neither recognised nor honored by his own people; He was misunderstood, misrepresented, and misjudged by his enemies, abandoned by his friends, and unjustly tried and executed as a criminal.

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead he entrusted himself to him who judges justly". (1 Peter 2:23 NIV)

LOVE HAS THE FINAL SAY

The grave could not keep him. He arose from the dead, God's love and justice satisfied, his righteousness vindicated and all who believed in him declared "not guilty" because he paid our debt.

Therefore the father has exalted him to the highest positions in heaven, given him his own name and put everything under his feet. Jesus has won the right to restore everything to God's original purpose. Now we can live in fellowship with the father as his son's co-heirs with Jesus, our elder brother, in a love we cannot comprehend, but we can know.

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